

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-8. (cancelled)

9. (previously presented) A drive mechanism for a drug delivery device comprising:

an epicyclic gearbox;

a piston rod including a non-circular cross-section and an external helical thread; and

a drive sleeve configured to engage with the external helical thread of the piston rod;

wherein the drive sleeve is configured to be disposed between a housing and the piston rod.

10. (previously presented) The drive mechanism of claim 9, wherein the drive sleeve is configured to be releasibly connected to a dose dial sleeve via the epicyclic gearbox.

11. (cancelled)

12. (previously presented) An assembly for use in a drug delivery device, comprising:

a drive mechanism including an epicyclic gearbox, a piston rod including a non-circular cross-section and an external helical thread, and a drive sleeve configured to engage with the external helical thread of the piston rod;

a housing including a helical thread; and

a dose dial sleeve configured to engage with the helical thread of the housing and configured to rotate relative to the housing;

wherein the drive sleeve is configured to be disposed between the housing and the piston rod.

13. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 12, wherein the dose dial sleeve is configured to be releasibly connected to the drive sleeve via the epicyclic gearbox.

14. (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) A drug delivery device, comprising:
a drive mechanism including an epicyclic gearbox, a piston rod including a non-circular cross-section and an external helical thread, a drive sleeve configured to engage with the external helical thread of the piston rod;

a housing including a helical thread, a portion of the housing configured to receive a medicinal product to be delivered; and

a dose dial sleeve configured to engage with the helical thread of the housing and configured to rotate relative to the housing;

wherein the drive sleeve is configured to be disposed between the housing and the piston rod.

16. (previously presented) The drug delivery device of claim 15, wherein the dose dial sleeve is configured to be releasibly connected to the drive sleeve via the epicyclic

gearbox.

17. (cancelled)

18. (previously presented) A method of assembling a drug delivery device, comprising:

providing a drive mechanism including an epicyclic gearbox, a piston rod including a non-circular cross-section and an external helical thread, and a drive sleeve;

providing a housing including a helical thread;

providing a dose dial sleeve configured to rotate relative to the housing;

engaging the dose dial sleeve with the helical thread of the housing;

placing the drive sleeve between the housing and the piston rod; and

engaging the drive sleeve with the external helical thread of the piston rod.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising:
releasibly connecting the dose dial sleeve to the drive sleeve via the epicyclic gearbox.

20. (previously presented) A method of assembling a drug injection device, comprising:

providing a housing having a first portion and a second portion, the first portion of the housing being configured to receive a cartridge containing a medicinal product to be dispensed;

providing an assembly including a drive mechanism including an epicyclic gearbox and a piston rod including a non-circular cross-section and an external helical thread in the second

portion of the housing.

21. (previously presented) A method of assembling a drug delivery device, comprising:

providing an assembly including a drive mechanism including an epicyclic gearbox, a piston rod including a non-circular cross-section and an external helical thread, and a drive sleeve;

providing a housing including a helical thread;

providing a dose dial sleeve configured to rotate relative to the housing;

engaging the dose dial sleeve with the helical thread of the housing;

placing the drive sleeve between the housing and the piston rod; and

engaging the drive sleeve with the external helical thread of the piston rod.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising:

releasibly connecting the dose dial sleeve to the drive sleeve via the epicyclic gearbox.

23. (previously presented) A method of dispensing a medicinal product, comprising:

providing a drug delivery device including a drive mechanism including an epicyclic gearbox and a piston rod including an external helical thread; and

dispensing the medicinal product via the drug delivery device;

wherein the medicinal product includes an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of insulin, growth hormone, low molecular weight heparin, analogues of insulin,

analogues of growth hormones, analogues of low molecular weight heparin, derivatives of insulin, derivatives of growth hormones, and derivatives of low molecular weight heparin.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the drive mechanism further includes a drive sleeve configured to engage with the external helical thread of the piston rod;

wherein the drug delivery device further includes a housing including a helical thread; and

a dose dial sleeve configured to engage with the helical thread of the housing and configured to rotate relative to the housing;

wherein the drive sleeve is disposed between the housing and the piston rod; and

wherein dispensing the medicinal product further includes selectively rotating the dose dial sleeve relative to the drive sleeve.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the dose dial sleeve is configured to be releasibly connected to the drive sleeve via the epicyclic gearbox.

26-29. (cancelled)

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the piston rod further includes a non-circular cross-section.